

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge the Advisory Action mailed on August 4, 2005, and request that Examiner enter the claim amendments set forth above, as Applicants believe these amendments place the pending application in condition for allowance.

The Advisory Action states that claims 1, 3-5, 8, 9, 18, 27-30, 33-38 and 45 are allowed, claims 46, 47, 49 and 52-54 are objected to, and claims 50 and 51 stand rejected. Applicants believe this is incorrect.

Claim 5 has been cancelled previously and is no longer pending.

Applicants believe the Examiner mistakenly listed the rejected claims as claims that have been objected to and listed objected to claims as rejected. In the final Office Action mailed May 19, 2005, the Examiner objected to claims 50 and 51 and rejected claims 46, 47, 49 and 52-54, and the Examiner also provided an explanation for the rejection of claims 46, 47, 49 and 52-54. These claims were not amended in the previous response and the advisory action explains that the Examiner did not find the arguments of the Applicants persuasive. Accordingly, Applicants believe the Examiner inadvertently listed the rejected claims as objected to claims, and Applicants respond accordingly.

In the final Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 50 and explained that the claim contained allowable subject matter but depended from a rejected base claim. Accordingly, Applicants have now amended claim 50 into independent form. Claim 50 now includes all of the limitations set forth in the rejected base claim. Thus, Applicants believe claim 50 is in condition for allowance. In addition, applicants also believe claim 51, which depends from claim 50 and was previously objected to, is also now allowable.

With this Amendment, Applicants also cancel all rejected claims.

Applicants believe this Amendment places the pending application into condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner enter this Amendment and pass the application to issuance with allowed claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 18, 27-30, 33-38, 45, 50 and 51.

The final Office action was mailed on May 19, 2005. This paper is being filed on November 18, 2005, within the six month statutory response period. With this paper, Applicants request for an appropriate extension of time. Applicants further request that the Office charge any shortages in fees, or apply any overpayment credits, to Baker & Daniels' Deposit Account No. 02-0387 (75327.63). However, please do not include the payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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